

**FREE
PROGRAMS!**

The Outdoor Campus-West
South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Winter 2015-16

Registration Information

Program Registration Opens:

for December on November 12

for January on December 10

for February on January 14



Youth programs are **free**. Some adult programs may have a fee for materials.

Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

Pre-registration is required for all programs.

To pre-register for programs:

Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org

Click "Rapid City".

(A public use computer is available in our lobby.)

If you have problems, call us at 394-2310.

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a program.

Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening, we'll add a program. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

December Programs

Registration Opens November 12

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 with adult partner

Program date:

Monday Dec 14 9-9:30 a.m. Animals in Winter



Sprouts Preschool Programs

3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



Tracks & Signs

Explore animal tracks and make an ornament of the track of your favorite wild animal. Dress warm to go outside to try to find tracks and signs animals have left behind on the trail.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday	Dec 9	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	Dec 10	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	Dec 12	10-10:45 a.m.

Treats for Tweets

Learn what kind of seeds birds like to eat in the winter. Make a treat to take home and one to hang on a tree for the birds at The Outdoor Campus. Dress to go outside for a portion of the program.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday	Dec 16	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	Dec 17	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	Dec 19	10-10:45 a.m.

Let's Go Hunting!

Join us on a "hunt" for turkey and deer. Take a hike on the trail to find tracks and sign. Use our toy guns and bows to shoot at the deer and turkey targets. Dress warm!

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday	Dec 22	10-10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	Dec 30	10-10:45 a.m.

December Programs

Natural Vine Christmas Wreath

Come and let your little one make a wreath from vines with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: age 3-4 plus adult partner

Program date:

Monday Dec 7 10-10:45 a.m.



Young Naturalist Programs

5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.

Let's Go Hunting!

Join us on a "hunt" for turkey and deer. Take a hike on the trail to find tracks and sign. Use our toy guns and bows to shoot at the deer and turkey targets. Dress warm!

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday Dec 5 10-10:45 a.m.

Treats for Tweets

Learn what kind of seeds birds like to eat in the winter. Make a treat to take home and one to hang on a tree for the birds at The Outdoor Campus. Dress to go outside for a portion of the program.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday Dec 12 10-10:45 a.m.

Tracks & Signs

Explore animal tracks and make an ornament from the track of your favorite wild animal. Dress warm to go outside to try to find tracks and signs animals have left behind on the trail.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday Dec 19 10-10:45 a.m.

December Programs

Jr. Naturalist Programs 8-12 year olds



Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets. Learn where to aim if you go hunting.

Age: 8-12

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday	Dec 5	1-2:00 p.m. <u>OR</u> 2-3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Dec 10	6-7:00 p.m.

Snowshoe Hike

Hike the trails in our snowshoes (if there is snow!) Six steps and you will be an expert. Snowshoes will be provided. If there is not enough snow, we will go on a nature hike with journals instead!

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Saturday	Dec 12	1-2:30 p.m.
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Basic Gun Safety

Learn basic gun safety, crossing fences, shooting positions and techniques that will help you become a safe hunter. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Tuesday	Dec 15	6-7:00 p.m.
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Ice Fishing Basics

Get an introduction to ice fishing and fish identification. Make an ice fishing "jiggle stick" to take home. Due to unsafe ice conditions on our pond, there will be no actual ice fishing unless it is possible from the dock.

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Saturday	Dec 19	1-2:00 p.m.
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December Programs

Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed.



Nature Wrapping Paper Program

Make some beautiful wrapping paper using natural materials and nature stamps. Paper and materials provided.

Age: 4 and up

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Friday Dec 11 6-7:00 p.m.

Friday Dec 18 6-7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Archery

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child, 8 and up

Program date:

Thursday Dec 17 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ice Fishing Basics

Get an introduction to ice fishing and fish identification. Make an ice fishing “jiggle stick” to take home. Due to unsafe ice conditions on our pond, there will be no actual ice fishing unless it is possible from the dock.

Age: 4 and up

Program date:

Saturday Dec 19 2-3:00 p.m.

Snowshoe Hike

Hike the trails in our snowshoes (if there is snow!) Six steps and you will be an expert. Snowshoes will be provided. If there is not enough snow, we will go on a nature hike instead!

Age: All ages, snowshoes for 4 and up

Program date: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday Dec 29 10-11:00 a.m. OR 1-2:00 p.m.

December Programs

Adult Programs

Age 18 and up.

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January Programs

Registration Opens Dec 10

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 with adult partner

Program date:

Monday

Jan 4

9-9:30 a.m.

Tracks



Sprouts Preschool Programs

3-4 year olds and their adult partner.

Evergreens in Winter

Evergreen trees offer a sensory overload. Children will touch, smell, and see three of the local evergreens.

Learn about the animals that use these trees for food and homes. Dress to go outside for a portion of the class.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 2 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Jan 6 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday Jan 7 10-10:45 a.m.



SD Wildlife

Discover some fun adaptations of SD wildlife by touching their hides and furs, antlers and horns.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 16 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Jan 20 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday Jan 21 10-10:45 a.m.

Animal Movement

Come exercise with your little one by doing movements like animals with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: age 3-4 plus adult partner

Program date:

Monday

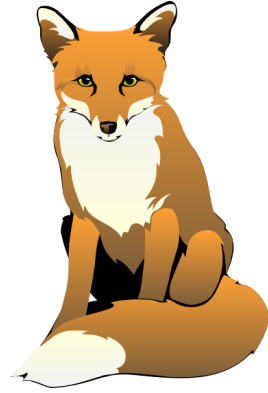
Jan 25

10-10:45 a.m.

January Programs

Young Naturalist Programs

5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.



SD Wildlife

Discover some fun adaptations of SD wildlife by touching their hides and furs, antlers and horns.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday Jan 2 10-10:45 a.m.

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Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday Jan 16 10-10:45 a.m.

Let's Go Hunting!

Join us on a "hunt" for turkey and deer. Take a hike on the trail to find tracks and sign. Use our toy guns and bows to shoot at the deer and turkey targets. Dress warm!

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday Jan 23 10-10:45 a.m.

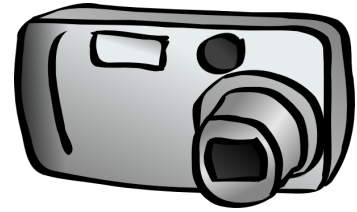
Group Programs

The Outdoor Campus-West staff can provide a program just for you & and your group. All you need is at least 10 people who want to do a program. Grab an orange Group Program Brochure or check online for more information on booking your own program!

January Programs

Jr. Naturalist Programs

8-12 year olds.



Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Tuesday Jan 5 6-7:00 p.m.

Nature Photography

Practice observation skills through photography to capture nature's alphabet. Participants will learn the basics of digital photography and practice by finding "letters" in nature.

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Saturday Jan 9 10-11:30 a.m.

Gun Safety Basics

Learn basic gun safety, fence crossing, shooting positions and techniques that will help you become a safe hunter. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Thursday Jan 14 6-7:00 p.m.

Archery Hunting Skills

Have you already attended our basic archery classes and are interested in some day becoming an archery hunter? Come build some new skills and experiences needed for archery hunting. Learn how to shoot from standing or kneeling positions and from cover in our safe hunting scenarios.

Age: 8-12 (Must have taken Archery Basics class first!)

Program date:

Saturday Jan 23 1-3:00 p.m.

January Programs

Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed



Ice Fishing Basics

Get an introduction to ice fishing and fish identification. Make an ice fishing “jiggle stick” to take home. Due to unsafe ice conditions on our pond, there will be no actual ice fishing unless it is possible from the dock.

Age: 4 and up

Program date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 9 10-11:00 a.m. OR 1-2:00 p.m.

Rubber Band Gun Competition

Engage in some friendly competition with our rubber band guns and fun targets. These are not just single-shot guns! Come check them out.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child, 4 and up

Program date:

Friday Jan 15 6-7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Archery

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child, 8 and up

Program date:

Tuesday Jan 19 6-7:00 p.m.

Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!

January Programs

Adult Programs

Age 18 and up. Please, **do not** bring children.



Carving Wood Fellows

Learn how to carve pine tree knots to find the “wood fellows” inside. The pine knots will be furnished. You may bring your own Dremel or carving tools to class. If you do not have tools, they will be provided. Volunteers Joe and Nancy Reinart will be helping you find who is inside your knot!

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Tuesday Jan 12 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Carve Your Own Fishing Lure

Learn different techniques used to carve usable wooden fishing lures. Master Carver Mike Martin will help you carve, paint and add hardware to your own lure that is guaranteed to catch fish! All materials will be provided.

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Thursday Jan 14 6-8:00 p.m.

Introduction to Flint Knapping

Learn how those ordinary-looking rocks were transformed into the necessities of life long ago. Make arrowheads with experienced flint knapper, Hank Bak, a TOC-West Volunteer. Materials and tools will be provided.

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Tuesday Jan 26 6-8:30 p.m.

February Programs

Registration Opens January 14

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 years with adult partner

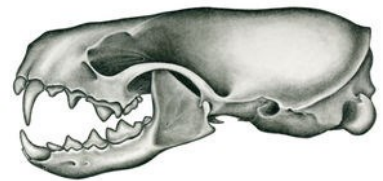
Program date:

Monday Feb 1 9-9:30 a.m. Birds



Sprouts Preschool Programs

3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



Animal Teeth

Children will explore animal teeth by looking at animal skulls.

Learn how to tell if it is a meat eater, plant eater, or animals like us that can eat both meat and plants.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Feb 6 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Feb 10 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday Feb 11 10-10:45 a.m.

“R” is for Raccoon

Discover what makes raccoons special and what they like to eat. Find out if they really do wash their food before they eat it!

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Feb 17 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday Feb 18 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday Feb 20 10-10:45 a.m.

Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Bring your little one and make pine cone bird feeders with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program date:

Monday Feb 22 10-10:45 a.m.

February Programs

Young Naturalist Programs

5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.



“R” is for Raccoon

Discover what makes raccoons special and what they like to eat. Find out if they really do wash their food before they eat it!

Age: 5-7

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Feb 6 10-10:45 a.m.

Let's Go Hunting!

Join us on a “hunt” for turkey and deer. Take a hike on the trail to find tracks and sign. Use our toy guns and bows to shoot at the deer and turkey targets. Dress warm!

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday Feb 13 10-10:45 a.m.

Animal Teeth

Children will explore animal teeth by looking at animal skulls. We will learn about animals that eat other animals and plants, and compare their teeth to ours.

Age: 5-7

Class date:

Saturday Feb 20 10-10:45 a.m.

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8-12 year olds



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Age: 8-12

Program date:

Thursday Feb 11 6-7:00 p.m.

Archery Hunting Skills

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Age: 8-12 (Must have taken Archery Basics class first!)

Program date:

Saturday Feb 13 1-3:00 p.m.

Basic Gun Safety

Learn basic gun safety, crossing fences, shooting positions and techniques that will help you become a safe hunter. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8-12

Program dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Feb 20 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Feb 23 6-7:00 p.m.

Thursday Feb 25 6-7:00 p.m.

February Programs



Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed

Geocaching

Learn how to use a GPS unit to find hidden treasure on Campus. Be sure to wear warm clothes for this high-tech scavenger hunt. GPS units will be provided. Try out snowshoes if there is enough snow!

Age: all, under 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult

Program date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Feb 6 11-12:00 noon OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Basic Gun Safety

Bring your family hunting team to review and practice basic gun safety, crossing fences, shooting positions and techniques. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. All shooters **MUST** register.

Age: 8 and up, family team up to 4 members (at least one adult)

Program date:

Tuesday Feb 16 6-7:30 p.m.

Introduction to Archery

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child, 8 years old and up

Program date:

Saturday Feb 13 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11-12:00 noon

**Follow our Facebook page or sign up for
email notifications for Pop-up programs!**

February Programs

Adult Programs

18 and up. Please, do not bring children.



The Mating Game!

You might think that your romantic style is unique, but there is probably a four or six legged creature out there using all the same tricks! Learn some fun things about creatures that will amaze you!

Age: adult

Program date:

Friday Feb 12 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Special Events

*** no pre-registration required ***

“Night Tree” Family Hike

We will read the story by Eve Bunting about a family that decorates a tree in the woods for the animals. Help us decorate some trees at The Outdoor Campus. Bring a blanket and warm clothes so we can sit and sing some carols and drink some hot chocolate together.

Age: Families, all ages

Program date:

Tuesday Dec 22 5:30-8:00 p.m.



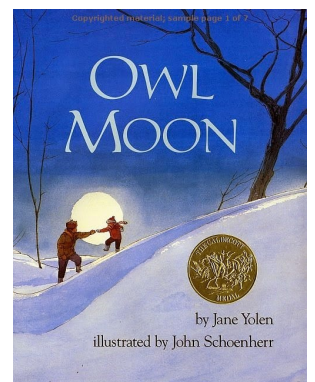
“Owl Moon” Hike

We will read the story by Jane Yolan about a little girl and her dad who go on an adventure to find an owl. Black Hills Raptor Center will teach us about owls before we go on a hike to listen for owls on the trail at The Outdoor Campus! Dress warm.

Age: Families, all ages

Program date:

Friday Jan 8 6-8:00 p.m.



Bald Eagle Awareness Day

Drop in on Saturday for hands-on stations featuring all things birds of prey! Black Hills Raptor Center will have a booth and conduct a public presentation with live birds of prey at 1 p.m.

Age: all ages

Program date:

Saturday Feb 27 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Give Back...

Volunteer at

The Outdoor Campus-West

Become a member of South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' large and diverse volunteer team at The Outdoor Campus-West.

Benefits Of Volunteering!

Provide a Positive Impact for Our Community
Education Opportunities
Develop New Skills
Make New Friends
Earn Written Reference for Continuing Education and Scholarships
Receive School Credit
Register Early for Programs



Opportunities Available

- **Program Assistant**
- **Special Events**
- **Information Desk**
- **Gardening**
- **Roving Interpretation**
- **Landscaping**
- **And much, much, more...**

To Become a Volunteer

- **Apply online for volunteer service at www.outdoorcampus.org OR pick up a paper application at The Outdoor Campus-West**
- **Call to schedule an interview**
- **Complete volunteer orientation and training**

**For more info, contact Luke Mickelson at
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